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In re Application of  
Edward G. Tiedemann, et. al.  
Application No. 09/597,940  
Filed: June 20, 2000  
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**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 17, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed February 4, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned after midnight May 4, 2002.

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Since the statement contained in the instant petition varies slightly from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement is being construed as the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) and petitioner must notify the Office if this is **not** a correct interpretation of the statement.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 2600 for processing the Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114 filed with the instant petition.

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